THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) 14563 wagons per day in terms of 4-wheelers.

(b) The availability was 13322 wagons per day in terms of 4-wheelers, out of which 11641 wagons Per day were loaded.

(c) to (e) Based on traditional seasonal drop in offer of coal for loading by t'ne coal sector during the slack season months from May to October in previous years as well as non-utilisation of wagons after supply due to wagons 'left behind' and 'drawn empty', the Railways have estimated to move 105 million tonnes (12,600 wagons per day) of coa! during 19,84-85

The Railways are capable of moving upto 110 million tonnes (13,200 wagons per day) in 1984-85, provided the coal sector is 'able to offer coal for loading throughout the year on a sustained basis without seasonal drop and if all the wagons supplied for loading coal are loaded within the permissible free time. During the current year also, •however, seasonal drop in offer h'as taken place.

Defective signalling system tn Howrah Section of Eastern Railways

2565. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the signalling system in the Eastern Railways particularly in the Howrah sector is defective; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arse.

Instructions regarding Motormen

2566. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS b$_e$ pleased to state;

(a) whether instructons ^{r}n'ave been issued to the Railway Administration to deploy two motormen in EMU coaches to avoid accidents;

(b) whether the said instructions have been brought in forc$_e$ by the Railway Administration;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if the atiswer to part fb) above be in negative, what a$_{re}$ the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (c) After tfie accident in the Calcutta area, the Railway Administrations have been instructed to provide an Assistant to tha Motorman i$_n$ the EMU motor coach to make sure that the Motorm'an observes the signals correctly and alert him in case he overlooks it, so that the various speed restrictions, in force, are strictly followed by the Motorman. Implementation of these instructions is Progressively being done since t'ne $_e$nd of May, 1984.

(d) Does not arise.

Train accident near Howrah car shed

2567. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main cause of recent train accident near Howrah car shed was due to human failure;

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(b) whether Government have inves tigataj into the matter; $_{am}$j

(c) if so, what action ha$_s$ been taken against t'ne e^{rrn}S officials?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY); (a) to (c) The colli sion between two EMU local trains at How rah on 21.5.84 was enquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle. According to his finding, th© accident was due to failure of the motorman an<i another railway sl'aff travelling in the driving cab of tbe following EMU train. Both of them lost their lives in the accident.